



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (VA Health Professional Scholarship and Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Programs)

Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to identify areas for improvement in clinical training programs.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs, Veterans Health

Administration (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0793" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian McCarthy at (202) 461-6345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 - 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles:

1. Academic Verification, VA Form 10-0491.
2. Addendum to Application, VA Form 10-0491a.

3. Annual VA Employment Deferment Verification, VA Form 10-0491c
4. Education Program Completion Notice Service Obligation Placement, VA Form 10-0491d
5. Evaluation Recommendation Form, VA Form 10-0491e
6. HPSP Agreement, VA Form 10-0491f
7. HPSP/OMPSP Application, VA Form 10-0491g
8. Notice of Approaching Graduation, VA Form 10-0491h
9. Notice of Change and/or Annual Academic Status Report, VA Form 10-0491i
10. Request for Deferment for Advanced Education, VA Form 10-0491j
11. VA Scholarship Offer Response, VA Form 10-0491k
12. VIOMPSP Agreement, VA Form 10-0491l

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Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

The information required determines the eligibility or suitability of an applicant desiring to receive an award under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. sections 7601 through 7619, and 38 U.S.C. sections 7501 through 7505. The information is needed to apply for the VA Health Professional Scholarship Program or Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Program. The VA Health Professional Scholarship Program awards scholarships to students receiving education or training in a direct or indirect healthcare services discipline to assist in providing an adequate supply of such personnel for VA and for the United States. The Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Program awards scholarships to students pursuing a program of study leading to a degree in visual impairment or orientation and mobility in

order to increase the supply of qualified blind rehabilitation specialists for VA and the Nation.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

ESTIMATE OF THE HOUR BURDEN FOR THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

APPLICANTS

VA Forms:	# of respondents	x # of responses	Equals	x # of minutes	Equals (minutes)	÷ by 60 =	Number of Hours
10-0491g- Application	1,500	1	1,500	60	90,000		1,500
10-0491- Academic Verification	1,500	1	1,500	60	90,000		1,500
10-0491e- Evaluations & Recommendations (2)	1,500	2	3,000	50	150,000		2,500
10-0491a- Addendum to Application	450 (30%)	1	450	10	4,500		75
TOTAL							5,575

APPLICANTS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP

VA Forms:	# of respondents	x # of responses	Equals	x # of minutes	Equals (minutes)	÷ by 60 =	Number of Hours
10-0491L- Agreement for the VIOMPSP	30	1	30	15	450		8
10-0491k- VA Scholarship Offer Response	30	1	30	10	300		5
10-0491i- Notice of Change and/or Annual Academic Status Report	30	1	30	20	600		10
10-0491h- Notice of Approaching Graduation	30	1	30	10	300		5
10-0491d- Education Program Completion Notice/ Service Obligation Placement	30	1	30	20	600		10
10-0491j- Request for Deferment for Advanced Education	6	1	6	10	60		1
10-0491c- Annual VA Employment/ Deferment Verification	30	1	24	10	240		4
TOTAL							43
GRAND TOTAL for VIOMPSP							5,618

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (HPSP)

APPLICANTS

VA Forms	# of respondents	x # of responses	Equals	x # of minutes	Equals (minutes)	÷ by 60 =	Number of Hours
10-0491g- Application	5,000	1	5,000	60	300,000		5,000
10-0491- Academic Verification	5,000	1	5,000	60	300,000		5,000
10-0491e- Evaluations & Recommendations (2)	5,000	2	10,000	50	500,000		8,333
10-0491a- Addendum to Application	1500 (30%)	1	1500	10	15,000		250
TOTAL							18,583

APPLICANTS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP

VA Forms:	# of respondents	x # of responses	Equals	x # of minutes	Equals (minutes)	÷ by 60 =	Number of Hours
10-0491f- Agreement for the HPSP	100	1	100	15	1,500		25
10-0491k- VA Scholarship Offer Response	100	1	100	10	1,000		17
10-0491i- Notice of Change and/or Annual Academic Status Report	100	1	100	20	2,000		33
10-0491h- Notice of Approaching Graduation	100	1	100	10	1,000		17
10-0491d- Education Program Completion Notice/ Service Obligation Placement	100	1	100	20	2,000		33
10-0491j- Request for Deferment for Advanced Education	20	1	20	10	200		3
10-0491c- Annual VA Employment/ Deferment Verification	80	1	80	10	800		13
TOTAL							141
GRAND TOTAL for HPSP							18,724
GRAND TOTAL for BOTH VIOMPSP and HPSP							24,342

Frequency of Response: Annually.

By direction of the Secretary,

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor
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Office of Privacy and Records Management
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